

Quantum Chemical Corporation



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Mr. Bill Collins
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Attn: 104(e) Task

Re: Artel Chemical Site
Nitro, West Virginia



Dear Mr. Collins:

This is in response to USEPA's letter of October 19, 1989 requesting information on the referenced site pursuant to RCRA Section 3007(a) and CERCLA Section 104(e).

A review of our files revealed that on December 7 or 8, 1980, Emery Industries, Inc. entered into a secrecy agreement with Fike Chemicals, Inc. regarding the possible toll manufacture of phenyl stearic acid by Fike. Copies of all related documents are enclosed. We have no information which indicates that any toll manufacturing agreement was ever made between Fike and Emery, or any other division or subsidiary of Quantum. This is the only information we have which is responsive to items 1 and 2 in the October 19 letter.

We are advised that USEPA is in possession of certain documents relating to other transactions between Fike and the USI Division of Quantum Chemical Corporation, (f/k/a National Distillers and Chemical Corporation). We have filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act for these documents, and, following review thereof, may respond further to the USEPA letter of October 19, 1989.

For the record, Quantum Chemical Corporation changed its name from National Distillers and Chemical Corporation (NDCC) in January 1988. Quantum (nee NDCC) acquired Emery Industries, Inc. in 1978 which eventually became the Emery Division of Quantum. In 1989 Quantum sold the Emery Division to Henkel Corporation and Emery is now known as Henkel Corporation, Emery Group. USI continues to be a division of Quantum.

Yours truly,

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cc: J. D. Rice (w/o enclosures)

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